

REMARKS

I. Summary of the Office Action

The Examiner has required, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, restriction to one invention as identified in the following groups:

Group I: claims 1-13;
Group II: claims 14-17; or
Group III: claims 18-20.

II. Election

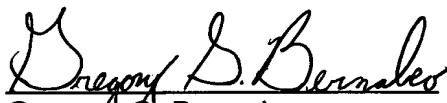
To expedite prosecution on the merits, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I in compliance with the Examiner's requirement. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue in a continuation/divisional application claims of the same or similar scope as those in Groups II and III.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain, the undersigned requests a telephone interview prior to the issuance of an action.

Respectfully submitted,

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